

Strategic Warning Staff

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Acting Deputy Director, OSR
Room 3 G00
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Dear John,

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I am disappointed that you will not be replacing [redacted] on the Strategic Warning Staff. [redacted] has done an excellent job for us over the past six months. 25X1A9A25X1

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I know that OSR has no hard and fast commitment to furnish an analyst to the SWS. Under DCID 1/5, however, CIA as an NFIB member does have responsibility to provide "full-time, senior professional intelligence personnel."* Both my predecessor and I have felt that given the mandate of the SWS, the Agency should logically turn to the Office of Strategic Research and the Office of Current Intelligence to meet that responsibility. Not only do individuals from these offices have the appropriate substantive background, but they also have the kind of personal contacts that the Staff depends upon for expert guidance. I would regard the designation of a contact point within OSR as a poor substitute for the actual physical presence of a capable analyst at least as long as the SWS has the responsibilities described in DCID 1/5.

As [redacted] noted at the Review Group meeting in June, the Army, the Navy and perhaps even the Marine Corps are preparing to assign individuals to the SWS. It has been something of a struggle to get them to do so in light of their own staffing problems, but this does suggest a growing recognition that the SWS is performing a useful service for the Community. I think the willingness of the Services to ante up makes it even more important that we have the benefit of an OSR presence and I sincerely hope you will reconsider your decision.

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